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ON CFE IN GENEVA ON DECEMBER 17

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Ambassador Adam Kobieracki, Director of the MFA Security Policy Department, thanked DCM for the heads-up on the upcoming Fried-Antonov meeting, and expressed appreciation for the strong and clear U.S. position on CFE. Kobieracki said the information was particularly useful in light of Polish Deputy Foreign Minister Grudzinski's upcoming December trip to Moscow to discuss Missile Defense-related Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures. He noted that Poland is one of the countries most affected by the treaty and its adaptation, and asked that Poland be consulted frequently on CFE-related issues. He said the GoP would very much like to take part in any debriefs on the Fried-Antonov meeting. ASHE